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Outcomes of the 57th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting

His Excellency SOK Chenda Sophea, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, attended the 57<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting (57<sup>th</sup> AMM) chaired by His Excellency Saleumxay KOMMASITH, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR), in Vientiane on 25 July 2024.

The Meeting discussed ASEAN Community building efforts and the progress in achieving ASEAN's priorities and key deliverables for 2024 in line with Lao PDR's Chairmanship theme "ASEAN: Enhancing Connectivity and Resilience" in order to ensure that ASEAN remains future-proof, future-ready, and continue to serve as a centre of global growth. In this connection, the Meeting also touched upon areas of cooperation including green transition, blue economy, climate change, energy and food security, digital transformation, supply chain resilience, among others.

His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister reaffirmed the commitment to fully and effectively implement the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 with a view to strengthen the ASEAN Community, Centrality and unity by intensifying cooperation across the three community pillars. He commended the High-Level Task Force on ASEAN Community's Post-2025 Vision (HLTF-ACV) for progress and momentum in developing the ASEAN Political-Security Community Strategic Plan, the ASEAN Economic Community Strategic Plan, the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Strategic Plan, and the ASEAN Connectivity Strategic Plan in time for their adoption along side Plan, and the ASEAN Connectivity Strategic Plan in time for their adoption along side Plan.

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Address: N° 3, Samdech HUN Sen Street, Sangkat Tonle Bassac, Khan Chamkarmon Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia His Excellency the Deputy Prime Minister reaffirmed the importance of the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) in promoting friendly relations and mutually beneficial cooperation. He also welcomed continued interest by non-regional countries to accede to the TAC and looked forward to the TAC accession by the Republic of Finland, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Kingdom of Spain, the United Mexican States, and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria. The Meeting also welcomed the successful convening of the Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the TAC on 26 June 2024 at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta.

In the Retreat Session, the Meeting discussed the follow-up to the ASEAN Leaders' Review and Decision on the Implementation of the Five-Point Consensus (5PC) and exchanged views on ASEAN's external relations and its Centrality in the evolving regional architecture, and regional and international issues of common concern and interest.

Vientiane, 25 July 2024